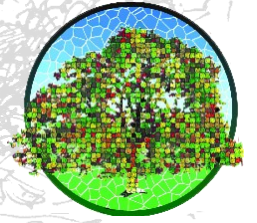


# East Montrose

Civic Association Newsletter



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August 2019

*It is the mission of East Montrose Civic Association to serve the interests of East Montrose, to promote the safety and welfare of its residents, to foster a sense of community, and to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of the area. These goals are accomplished through the efforts of its volunteers and elected officers.*

## 2019 EMCA

### Calendar

#### August:

No meeting—  
Summer Break

August 19—Astros  
Game!

#### September 17 @ 6:30pm

Meeting: Speaker  
from COH Depart-  
ment of Public Works  
& several election  
candidates

Location TBA

#### October 1:

National Night Out  
More info TBA

#### November:

TBD

#### December 17\*:

Holiday Party / Elec-  
tions

\* tentative dates

Join your fellow East Montrose neighbors to "root, root, root for the home team"

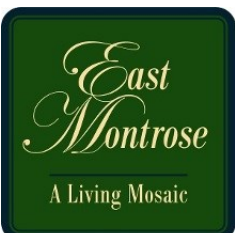
**Houston Astros**  
against the Detroit Tigers  
at Minute Maid Park  
on Monday, August 19th.

The game starts at 7:10 pm but come early and visit ahead of time. Tickets are in Section 252 rows 9-12 and will be sold for \$21/ticket. **Please purchase your tickets by end of day Saturday, August 10th.**

To purchase tickets go to [Paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) and send a payment to: [treasurer.emca@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.emca@gmail.com) - make sure you click on "Sending to a friend" (no fee if using a linked bank account or debit card). Then put in the dollar amount according to how many tickets that you want. Also, "Add a note" - Astros. If you can't or don't want to use PayPal, please contact Julia Schafer at [treasurer.emca@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.emca@gmail.com) and we will attempt to make other arrangements.

Your tickets will be emailed to you from the Astros prior to the game.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Brohn - [vicepresident.emca@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.emca@gmail.com)



Several " East Montrose – A Living Mosaic" signs are still available if you want one to display on your property. These sturdy signs are \$75 each. Please contact our treasurer Julia Schafer at 281-221-3250 to make your purchase. Julia also asks to remind you that EMCA dues are now up for renewal. See the back page for more info.



It's that time of year... To Mr. Squirrel: Please, PLEASE STOP impaling my feet! Why, oh WHY do you haul pine cones down the block and around the corner just to sit in MY oak tree and chew them to bits, strewing sharp shards of pointy cone-bits all over my driveway and yard?! OUCH OUCH!!

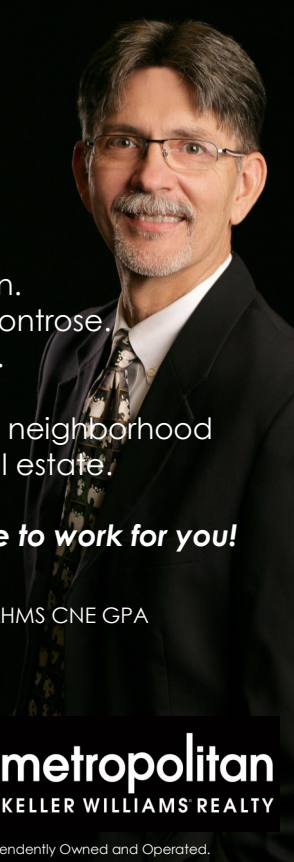
It's that time of year ... To neighbors on corners ... Folks, if you live on a corner with a traffic stop sign, please take a minute to check for and remove foliage that may be obscuring a driver's view of the sign. Greenery grows fast and tall in the summer, and there are a good number of stop signs that are not readily visible. Please help us avoid an accident, by making sure that all signs can be seen by drivers and bicyclers.

WE know that East Montrose is "the" place to be. Other communities know it, too ... I was outside talking to my neighbor one Sunday morning when a car pulled up and parked across the street. A young man and woman hopped out, along with their leashed spaniel pup. They asked if their parking space was OK. (It was.) They mentioned that they were heading to Barnaby's patio for breakfast. I noted that it was kinda odd to pack a dog into a car and drive to eat at a restaurant when most people simply walk. Turns out the gal was from Alief, and the guy was from Humble. (Not sure about the pooch.) They must have met somewhere in the middle, and teamed up to make the 45-minute drive – all to enjoy some great food and inimitable East Montrose ambiance.

I'm sure that y'all are familiar with my annual rant about Crepe Murder – whacking off the tops of beautiful crepe myrtle trees in a misinformed attempt to increase blooms in the spring. Well, today I stumbled upon a repurposing of ravaged tree stumps that is innovative and positively gorgeous. The plantings are artistically arranged and balanced in color, and placing them on top of the comely bare-bark stumps raises them to eye-height. In the west half of Willard.



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*Editors note: The 2019 National Night Out will be here soon!  
Look for more info in upcoming issues of the EMCA newsletter.*



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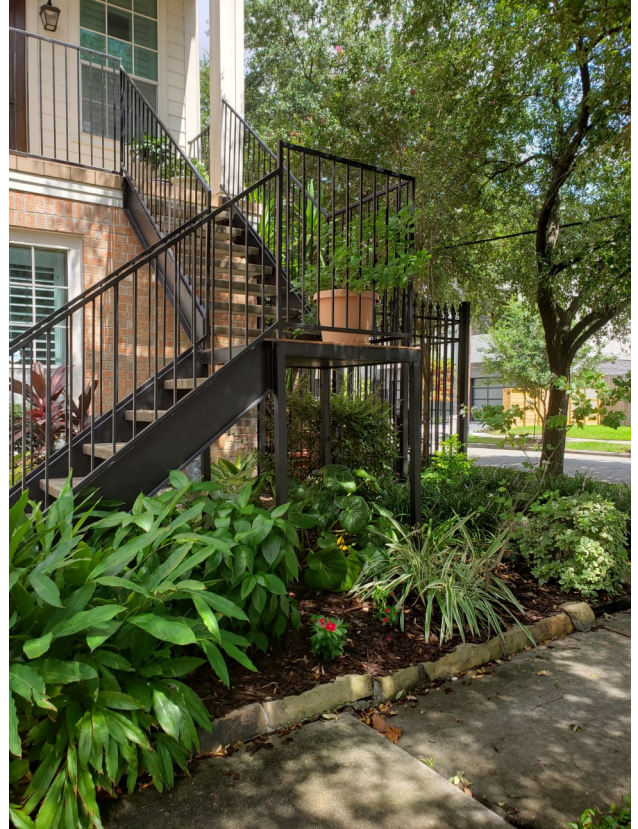
## *Yard of the Season...*

by Betsy Anderson

Our “Yard of the Season” homeowner winners are the Whitakers, whose home is 2119 Hopkins. Karen and Mike moved here in 2006 having lived in Massachusetts, West Virginia, Pampa, TX, and Reading, England. They chose East Montrose for our neighborhood’s diversity – the diverse ages of residents (from empty nesters to young families with children), and the mixture of types of properties in the area. The walking distance to downtown for Mike’s chemical engineering job, and the proximity to one of their daughter’s family in Sutton Square were important. Karen is a retired high school guidance counselor, who is an avid snow skier and hiker, and enjoys creating stained glass and mosaic pieces. Enjoying our area restaurants, parks, and art scene are high on the Whitakers’ list, as is spending time with their daughter who is local, another daughter and three grandchildren in Washington, DC, and their son in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Ravenscourt Landscaping in the Heights designed the hardscape of the Whitakers’ home. The design was to include a pergola as an outside room, complete with curtains for shade. Also, Karen wanted a fountain as a soothing sound, as well as to mitigate the sound of the AC units. Star jasmine on the fence provides some privacy, but areas without that make it easy to chat with neighbors as they walk by.

It took several years for the Whitakers to understand that what grows well in the summer in the north, just burns up in Houston. Many of the plants in the garden are tropical, and Karen likes to experiment with new plants in the potted area. Their sunny front porch provides a perfect place for color and herbs. The biggest challenge is working around the three live oak trees along the sidewalk. The shade and heat relief that the trees provide also limit the choice of plantings. Despite a drip watering system, you will see Karen out there with her watering can, enjoying pattering around. Stop by and say hello to her, one of your proud East Montrose neighbors.



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Former EMCA resident, Pete Gershon, recently wrote a book, **Collision: The Contemporary Art Scene in Houston 1972-1985**. Gershon continues his exploration of the Houston Art Scene to curate a show at the Glassell School opening September 6: *Prints and Ceramics from Little Egypt Enterprises and Related Studios*.

Pete Gershon writes: "Decades later, Little Egypt's collected output is deserving of greater recognition as one of the city's most significant, imaginative and longstanding collaborative art projects."

Little Egypt Enterprises was a collaborative print studio where artists worked with Master Printers and Craftspersons to create original lithographs, etchings, serigraphs and ceramics, usually in editions of 5-50. David Folkman, Master Printer and founder, came to Houston in 1974 and left in 1990. This writer became etching printer at Little Egypt in 1980 and continued working collaboratively with artists through the mid 2000's at Cerling Etching Studio and Tembo/Cerling Collaboratives, the outgrowths of Little Egypt Enterprises.

Folkman, founder of Little Egypt, also encouraged artists to show their work in a small space used as a gallery. Some of you may remember the gallery openings and parties when Little Egypt was located at the corner of West Gray and Waugh. Many important artists had their first showing at Little Egypt's gallery and the endless loop video by Andy Mann, now seen daily at the Art Car Museum, was first shown in Houston at Little Egypt.

**Prints & Ceramics from Little Egypt Enterprises & Related Studios**  
**Opening: Friday September 6 from 6-8pm**  
**Panel discussion: Sunday October 6 from 1-3pm**  
**The Glassell School of Art**  
**5101 Montrose Blvd.**



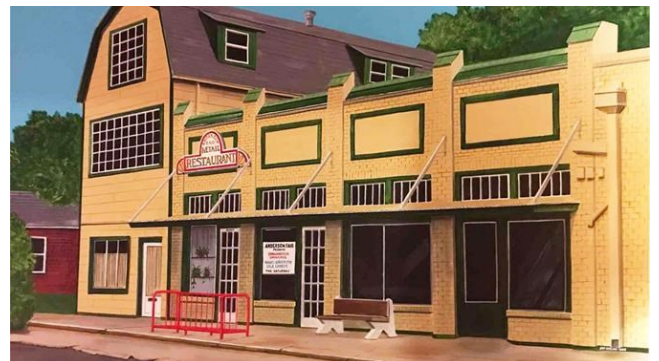
Left: Little Egypt Enterprises 1401 West Gray @ Waugh - circa 1985 (now occupied by storage units)  
Right: 1981 - putting together the 20/20 Show on Peden Street, west of Waugh.  
This area is now occupied by storage units and Peden Street no longer extends west of Waugh.

**Shake Russell and Michael Hearne**  
will have a special summer performance at  
**ANDERSON FAIR**

Friday, August 23.

Tickets on line at

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The city of Houston crime database is almost always out of date.

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**September Treasurer's Report**

Beginning Balance			\$13,850.34
Monies In:	Membership Dues	\$15.00	
Monies Out:	Square Fees	(\$.69)	
	Storage Unit Rent	(\$87.87)	
	Newsletter Printing	(\$247.50)	
	Summer Social	(\$474.03)	
	PayPal Fees	(\$.74)	
Ending Balance:			\$13,054.51

**TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

August 12	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
August 19	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn
August 26	Monday	Regular Trash & Lawn & Recycle
September 3	TUESDAY	Regular Trash & Lawn (Holiday schedule)
September 4	Wed (??)	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ***
September 9	Monday	Regualr Trash & Lawn & Recycle

This trash schedule comes from the Rollout app and is subject to change.

\*\*\*holiday schedule / not confirmed

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